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Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Rajasthan State Branch and APP American International Branch jointly organized two-days **9th Annual Virtual International Convention on "Recent Advances in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Potential Role of Herbs and Health Challenges"** at Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, SunRise University, Alwar, Rajasthan on Dec 19-20, 2020, in collaboration with APP MolPharm Division. During the convention, Dr. Rajiv Dahiya, Founder President APP and Director, School of Pharmacy, The University of the West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago acted as 'Organizing Chairman' and Prof. G. Jeyabalan, Principal, Alwar Pharmacy College, Alwar, Rajasthan and Ex-Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, Rajasthan University of Health Sciences, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India acted as 'Convener'.

Scientific session was enriched with speakers from diverse International Universities like Dr. Sunita Dahiya (University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, USA), Prof. Susan Julia Chand (University of Southern Caribbean, Trinidad & Tobago), Prof. Uday B. Compella (University of Colorado, USA), Prof. Terezinha de Jesus Andreoli Pinto (University of São Paulo, Brazil), Prof. Somnath Singh (Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, USA), Prof. Irene Satiko Kikuchi (University of São Paulo, Brazil), Prof. Yashwant V. Pathak (University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, USA), Dr. Neeraj Kumar Fuloria (AIMST University, Semeling, Malaysia), Dr. Vetriselvan Subramaniyan (MAHSA University, Selangor, Malaysia), Dr. Rohit Kumar Verma (International Medical University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), Dr. Sachin Dubey (Glenmark

Pharmaceuticals SA, Switzerland), Dr. Kamal Dua (University of Technology Sydney, Australia), Dr. Bontha Venkata Surbramanya Lokesh (UCSI University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), Dr. Hari Prasad Devkota (Kumamoto University, Japan), Dr. Vineetha Bharathan Menon (Monash University, Selangor, Malaysia), Dr. Priyank Kumar (Marshall B. Ketchum University, Fullerton, California, USA), Dr. Kamini Gounder (University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa, who addressed the professional gathering on issues related to pharmaceutical sciences like 'Insoluble drug delivery: Can nanocrystals tackle the challenge?', 'Orthomolecular medicine: The TCM approach', 'Next generation biopharmaceuticals: Challenges and opportunities with bispecifics and cell therapies', 'Plant polyphenols and their role in prevention and management of metabolic diseases', 'Chalcone derivatives as potential heterocyclic biological agents - Synthesis, biological evaluation and molecular docking studies', 'New strategies to treat age related macular degeneration using polymeric biomaterials in ophthalmic drug delivery systems', 'Toward safer biomaterials: new approach using ozone-based sterilization system', 'Development and characterization of topical ocular drug delivery system for hydrogen sulfide for the treatment of glaucoma', 'Antimicrobial activity of novel nanodispersion prepared from compounds isolated from plants', 'Ethnomedicine and its medicinal significance in the Caribbean', 'Suprachoroidal drug delivery', 'ABC transporters mediated multidrug resistance associated with cancer chemotherapeutics', 'Development of amphipathic cyclic peptides as antimicrobial agents against resistant pathogenic bacteria', 'The sex independent angle of type 2 diabetes', 'Sub/supercritical fluid chromatography purification of biologics', 'Implementation and relevance of animal based research in drug development', 'Exploring cellular and molecular mechanisms of the phytoconstituents encapsulated drug delivery systems' and 'Professionalism and ethics', 'Roles of pharmacists during Covid 19'.

During the valedictory function, diverse pharmacy professionals from USA were felicitated with APP Awards

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like Prof. Yashwant V. Pathak, Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs, USF Health Taneja College of Pharmacy, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, USA with 'Academic Excellence Award'; Dr. S. Narasimha Murthy, Professor of Pharmaceutics and Drug Delivery, School of Pharmacy, University of Mississippi, Mississippi, USA with 'Eminent Scientist Award'; Dr. Ruhul Amin, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology, School of Pharmacy, Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, USA with 'Distinguished Researcher Award'; Dr. Rakesh Kumar Tiwari, Assistant Professor of Biopharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences, Chapman University, Rinker Health Science Campus, Irvine, California, USA with 'Young Scientist Award' and Dr. Priyank Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, Marshall B. Ketchum University, Fullerton, California, USA with 'Young Investigator Award' for their outstanding performance

in the pharmaceutical research. Association salutes the talent and achievements of these pharmacy professionals in key areas of research. During the convention, e-posters were presented by staff and students of various pharmacy institutions and the event was witnessed by the Vice Chancellors of four Indian Universities viz. Prof. Ramesh Goyal (VC, Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University, New Delhi, India), Prof. Madhabhai M. Patel (VC, Sabarmati University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India), Prof. Indrajeet Singhvi (VC, Sai Tirupati University, Udaipur, Rajasthan, India), Prof. Anup Diwan (VC, SunRise University, Alwar, Rajasthan, India) and the Deans of Indian Universities viz. Prof. B. N. Suhagia (Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, DD University, Nadiad, Gujarat, India) and Dr. Saurabh Kumar Banerjee (Dean, School of Pharmaceutical Management, The IIMR University, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India).

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